

REMARKS

The Office Action dated April 25, 2008, has been received and carefully reviewed. The preceding amendments and the following remarks form a full and complete response thereto. Claims 27, 34-38 and 41-44 have been cancelled without prejudice or disclaimer. No new matter is added or amendments made that raise any new issues. Accordingly, claims 28-33 and 39-40 are pending in this application.

Claims 28-33 and 39-40 have been allowed.

By cancellation of claims 27, 34-38 and 41-44, all objections and rejections are now moot. The cancellation of claims is not to be treated as an admission to any assertion made in the Office Action. To be perfectly clear, Applicants disagree with the characterizations of the prior art made in the Office Action and with the Official Notice taken. The Applicants are canceling claims merely to expedite allowance of the current application and retain the right to seek coverage in a continuation application directed to the cancelled subject matter.

In view of the above, Applicants submit that the application is now in condition for allowance and requests that claims 28-33 and 39-40 be allowed and this application passed to issue.

In the event that this paper is not timely filled, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. Any fees for such an extension together with any additional fees may be charged to Counsel's Deposit Account No. 02-2135.

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Respectfully submitted,

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